



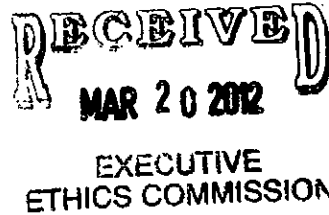
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Chief Procurement Office General Services

Matt Brown, Chief Procurement Officer

Chad Fornoff, Executive Director  
Executive Ethics Commission  
401 South Spring Street  
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March 20, 2012

Re: Request for Exemption of Section 50-13 Conflict of Interest for Thomas and Beth Bartolomucci and Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

Dear Director Fornoff,

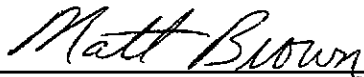
I am writing to request that the Executive Ethics Commission issue an exemption in accordance with Section 50-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code. After reviewing documentation provided by the vendor, Agency, and CMS, as well as additional information provided by several parties, and the publicly available information about the above-listed entity, I have determined, as explained below, that an actual conflict of interest under 30 ILCS 500/50-13(a) and 50-13(b) of the Procurement Code has been identified.

On March 6, 2012 the Chief Procurement Office received a conflict of interest for review from Central Management Services which concerned the firm Hanson Professional Services, Inc ("Hanson"). Hanson received a bid award for IFB No. 22023208 from the Illinois Toll Highway Authority. The value of the contract is \$22,000,000.00. The disclosures submitted by Hanson claimed a number of potential conflicts of interest for several Hanson shareholders. Among those, was disclosed that Hanson shareholder, Thomas Bartolomucci, is married to an Illinois State Police employee, Beth Bartolomucci. The disclosures, dated December 2011, stated that Mrs. Bartolomucci's "earnings from ISP are less than \$106,447.20 per year." This information appears to have been correct in December 2011, but after the beginning of 2012 Mrs. Bartolomucci's salary shown in Comptroller and ISP records to have increased. These records showed Mrs. Bartolomucci's present compensation from ISP to exceed \$9,100 per month, which over 12 months would exceed 60% of the Governor's salary. Hanson was asked to address this discrepancy and promptly amended its disclosures. Hanson's amended disclosures stated Mrs. Bartolomucci's "earnings from ISP are \$107,700 per year." This amount exceeds 60% of the Governor's salary (\$106,447.20) and, as such, Mr. and Mrs. Bartolomucci are individuals prohibited from having or acquiring any State contract, or any direct interest therein, by 30 ILCS 500/50-13(a). In turn, Mr. Bartolomucci's ownership interest in Hanson Professional Services, Inc. is disclosed as 0.99% or \$183,163.50. The dollar amount of this interest exceeds the salary of the Governor (\$177,412.00) and, combined with Mr. Bartolomucci's prohibition under section 50-13(a), results in the entire firm being prohibited from having or acquiring a State contract, or direct pecuniary interest therein, by 30 ILCS 500/50-13(b).

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Pursuant to Section 50-20, the Chief Procurement Officer may seek an exemption from a 50-13 prohibition if, in his "judgment, the public interest in having the individual in the service of the State outweighs the public policy evidenced" by Section 50-13. In this case, Ms. Bartolomucci has worked for the Illinois State Police since 1997 and her work in the Information Services/Information & Technology Command appears entirely unrelated to the Hanson contract at issue. In addition, the contract awarded to Hanson by ITHA was competitively bid and selected. Hanson appears to have had a long history of working with the State which pre-dates the existence of this conflict of interest. As such, in my judgment the public interest in having Mrs. Bartolomucci in State service, and maintaining the State's ability to contract with Mr. Bartolomucci's firm, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., outweighs the public policy evidenced in Section 50-13 of the Procurement Code. As such, I request that the Executive Ethics Commission in accordance with Section 50-20 of the Procurement Code exempt Mr. and Mrs. Bartolomucci, and by extension Hanson Professional Services, Inc., from the specific prohibitions of Section 50-13 triggered by Mrs. Bartolomucci's employment at the Illinois State Police.

Sincerely,



Matt Brown

Chief Procurement Officer, General Services

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